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	Across A USB Interface	§	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with the filing of a continuation application. In response to the Office Action of May 9, 2003 in the parent case, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendment prior to the calculation of fees and the initial examination of the present continuation above-identified patent application under 1.53(b) in which the parent case 09/608,082 survives.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper

Amendments to Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 10 of this paper.